EXHIBIT A

Hanorable R. Kevin Castel s pisleit Judge acepto, Recorozco, Ladmito mi error dentro de m Framilia: Vi Via na Acosta, niga Ivarova", Lisel", 200 /200 aximo mi kijo; Justin Acosla, Elizabetti Acosta, VI La sociedad el Cua usled representa 7 U.S.A Aprilod ver, o mirar a d'iste a los 0/05 Euando este en su Corte que no sea una ofensa I su Autoridaa Inbroducción, a.v. S. A. 1990, 2016 Historia de Mabajo: 1884 morroe AV, &BX. N.Y. 1990 Bendiende C.d. de, musica, R.D él, cuil me ganaba \$80 a \$90 dege por rasones de la

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mayo 05, 2016
Alentamente
Esmeraldo Acosta

[TRANSLATION]

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Honorable P. Kevin Castel U.S. District Judge

I accept, acknowledge, and admit my mistake to my family: Viviana Acosta, Nixali, Ivanova [Acosta], Gisel [Acosta], Maximo [Acosta], my son Justin Acosta, Elizabeth Acosta, and the society that you, Judge, represent, the U.S.A.

I am sorry... I am sorry

Your Honor: I want to ask you if it is all right to look at you or look into your eyes when I am in your courtroom because I don't want to offend your authority.

Introduction into USA - 1990 to 2016

Job history:

1) 1884 Monroe Av, [Bronx], NY – 1990
I sold music CDs from the Dominican Republic making \$80 to \$90 per week.
I stopped doing that because I got another job... Continues [on next page]

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- 2) 3890 Park Av [Bronx], NY 1992 [I worked at a] workshop making clay sculptures of saints and earning \$110 per week. After I would finish work at 5PM, I would buy tin and bottles, making \$40 to \$50 per day.
- 3) Atlantic City, NJ 1994
 [I worked in] construction earning \$80/day. I got arrested with my girlfriend Jesica Cruz because she was found with an illegal controlled substance. In court, she assumed responsibility, told the Judge that it was for her use, and the charges against me were dismissed.

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4) 355 East 173rd St – [*Bronx*], NY – 1995 [*I worked as a*] mechanic earning \$250 per week. I was responsible for my two children, whom I visited twice a week. In 1997, I got custody of my children.

My Family First

- 5) 1030 Reverend James A. Polite Av [Bronx], NY I rented a place to park cars in 2000, not in 1999. I was making \$5 daily per car and paying \$600 in rent per month.
- 6) 2004. 1385 Washington Av [*Bronx*], NY AP10F E&M Trucking. I was making around \$600, \$700, \$800 per week.
- 7) 2008. D&D Trucking and J&J Trucking, which were the same company. I was making around \$250 to \$300 per week.

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- 8) 2015. Metropolitan Correctional Center, 150 Park Row. I earned about \$19.20/month
- 9) 2016. MDC Brooklyn, 80 29th [St] Brooklyn, NY 11232 I earned around \$22.80/month

Your Honor

I have always worked in the US.

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I ask Your Honor to have compassion and mercy on me; I am prepared to accept any sentence you will impose on me.

May 05, 2016

Sincerely,

[There follows a signature that reads:] Esmeraldo Acosta

[Translated on 5/5/2016 by Cristina Weisz, Federally Certified Court Interpreter and Accredited Spanish Translator, A.T.A. Please note that words in brackets are translator's inclusions for clarity. The original contains spelling and grammatical errors]